

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on The Role of Higher Education Financing in Strengthening U.S. Competitiveness in a Global Economy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq Post-Transition.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., to consider the nomination of Allen Weinstein to be Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing entitled "Terror Attacks: Are We Prepared?" during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to continue its markup on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations: Claude A. Allen, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; David E. Nahmias, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission; Michael O'Neill, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; Ruben Castillo, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; and William Sanchez, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practice.

II. Legislation: S. 1635, L-1 Visa (Intracompany Transferee) Reform Act of 2003, Chambliss; S. 1700, Advancing Justice through DNA Technology Act of 2003, Hatch, Biden, Specter, Leahy, DeWine, Feinstein, Kennedy, Schumer, Durbin, Kohl, Edwards; S. 2396, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2004, Hatch, Leahy, Chambliss, Durbin, Schumer; and H.R. 1417, to amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copy-

right arbitration royalty panels with Copyright Royalty Judges Act of 2003, Smith-TX, Berman-CA, Conyers-MI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 2 p.m. on "Protecting Innovation and Art while Preventing Piracy" in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, United States Copyright Office.

Panel II: Mr. Gary Shapiro, President and Chief Executive Officer, Consumer Electronics Association; Mr. Robert Holleyman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Software Alliance; Mr. Andrew Greenberg, Vice-Chairman, Intellectual Property Committee, IEEE-USA; Mr. Kevin McGuinness, Executive Director and General Counsel, NetCoalition; and Mr. Mitch Bainwol, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Recording Industry Association of America.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Thursday, July 22, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 9 a.m., for a hearing entitled "Buyer Beware: The Danger of Purchasing Pharmaceuticals Over the Internet."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 22, at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to conduct oversight on the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, Public Law 106-181.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. on the subject of Saturn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Ellen Forster during consideration of this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HIGHWAY ACT EXTENSION

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consideration of H.R. 4916, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4916) providing extension of highway, highway safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I respectfully request if the chairman of the Committee on Environment and Public Works, Senator INHOFE, would engage in a colloquy with me on the impact of the several Surface Transportation extension bills on the so-called "donor" States. As the chairman is well aware, TEA-21 contains a fundamental principle of fairness for donor States which guarantees that no State will receive less than a 90.5 percent rate of return of their gas tax contributions to the Highway trust fund. In the preceding extension bills for fiscal year 2004, this matter was not addressed because it was expected that a full surface transportation reauthorization bill would be enacted this year. I know my chairman has worked tirelessly to pass a new transportation bill, but regrettably we have not completed our work.

As we face the end of the fiscal year, the multiple highway extension bills have not followed the TEA-21 Minimum Guarantee program and the result is that, to date, many States will not receive the 90.5 percent guarantee in fiscal year 2004. I am particularly concerned because again this temporary extension bill does not follow the TEA-21 formula.

I appreciate the chairman's diligence on this matter and I am aware that some funding remains in fiscal year